

BILL # HB 2670

TITLE: schools; transportation support level

SPONSOR: Reagan

STATUS: As Introduced

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

Description

For FY 2007 through FY 2009, the bill would provide K-12 transportation funding based on 180 rather than 175 days for school districts with growing student counts.

Estimated Impact

The estimated General Fund cost of the bill is \$3,073,200 for FY 2007, \$3,226,900 for FY 2008 and \$3,388,200 for FY 2009 (the final year of bill implementation).

ADE does not have cost estimate for this proposal.

Analysis

The Basic State Aid entitlement for public schools includes transportation funding that is generated through a formula prescribed in A.R.S. § 15-945. Currently that formula multiplies a school district's average daily route mileage by 175 days to compute its route mile funding. The bill would instead multiply growing districts' average daily route mileage by 180 days, which would match the minimum number of school days currently required by law. Prior to Proposition 301, the minimum school year was 175 days long.

In FY 2005, enrollment growth was experienced by 123 (out of 238) school districts that accounted for about 69% of total statewide Average Daily Membership (ADM). The \$3,073,200 estimated General Fund cost for the bill for FY 2007 assumes that each of those districts would receive 2.9% more route mile funding that year relative to current law because of the 5 day increase (5 more days / 175 day "base" = 2.9% increase). Corresponding estimates for FY 2008 and FY 2009 make the same assumptions, but apply the 2.9% increase to a slightly higher budget "base" each year due to ongoing formula growth.

Local Government Impact

School districts statewide would receive estimated Basic State Aid transportation funding increases of \$3,073,200 in FY 2007, \$3,226,900 in FY 2008 and \$3,388,200 in FY 2009 under the bill.